IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8 (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a personal-use device that is standalone, portable, and separate from a telephone and another personal-use device, the standalone device <u>including an interface to connect said standalone device</u> ~~connectable~~ to ~~at least one of~~ a telephone line <u>and including another interface to connect said standalone device to</u> [[or]] the other personal-use device, the standalone, portable device having:

a processor;

a storage coupled to said processor to store a first database with a plurality of records, each containing a telephone number, a name, and other information; and

an application stored in said storage to enable said processor to access the telephone number of a second party to an ongoing telephone call, search said first database for a record containing said telephone number, and display a name, telephone number, and other information associated with said record on the standalone, portable device, otherwise, if the record is not found in the first database, said application to enable said processor to automatically initiate a search for information relating to said telephone number on a second, remotely located database, and to display information obtained from said second database on said standalone, portable device during the ongoing call.

10. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9 wherein said application includes instructions to automatically initiate a search for information related to said record in a second database, and if information is not found in said second database, automatically initiate a search for the information on a third, remotely located database.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10 wherein said application includes instructions to transmit a search query and receive search results to obtain extended data related to said record in a database external to said system.

12.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11 wherein said application includes instructions to automatically store said information in said first database if said information is found in said external database.

13.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9 wherein said storage to store a user preference table that indicates a preferred search hierarchy among a plurality of databases.

14.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9 wherein said storage to store a sequential listing of telephone numbers of outgoing telephone calls and caller identification information for incoming telephone calls.

Claims 15-22 (canceled)

23.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
        receiving in a ~~first system~~ standalone, battery-powered, and transportable device a search query for information associated with a second party during a telephone call, the ~~first system comprising a portable~~ device separate from a telephone and a personal[[-use]] computer and separately connectable to ~~at least one of~~ a telephone line [[or]] and the computer;
        obtaining the information from the ~~first system~~ device if the information is present in the ~~first system~~ device;
        searching at least the personal[[-use]] computer for the information if the information is not present in the ~~first system~~ device; and
        providing the information to the ~~first system~~ device from the personal[[-use]] computer to display the information on the ~~first system~~ device during the telephone call.

Claim 24 (canceled)

25.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, further comprising storing the information in a database of the ~~first system~~ <u>device</u>.

26.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, further comprising storing the information in a record in the database associated with the second party.

27.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26, further comprising synchronizing the record with a stored record in the computer coupled to the ~~first system~~ <u>device</u>.

28.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, further comprising storing the telephone call in a call history in the ~~first system~~ <u>device</u> while the telephone call is in progress.

29.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, further comprising enabling a user to define a search path for ~~searching~~ <u>said device to initiate a search of</u> a plurality of remote sources for the information.

30.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the plurality of remote sources includes a remote service provider and the Internet.

Claims 31-37 (canceled)

38.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9, further comprising a printer housed in the portable device.

39.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the portable device is coupled to the other personal-use device to synchronize data between the first database and a memory of the other personal-use device.

40. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the standalone portable device is wirelessly connectable to the other personal-use device.

41. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the standalone portable device is directly coupled to a service provider via the telephone line.

42. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the standalone portable device is to be powered independently of the other personal-use device.

43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the standalone portable device is to extract the telephone number from the ongoing telephone call.

44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, further comprising powering the ~~first system~~ device independently from the personal[[-use]] computer.

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, further comprising extracting the telephone number from the telephone call in the ~~first system~~ device.

46. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, further comprising performing the method while the personal[[-use]] computer is powered down.

47. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the other personal-use device is a computer.

48. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9 wherein said portable device is battery powered to enable transport of said device while said device is in operation.

49.   (Currently Amended) A portable, standalone, personal-use device comprising:

a processor having a memory;

a local database coupled to said processor and to store records containing telephone numbers, names, and other information;

a search engine to run on said processor and to search said database for a record containing a telephone number of a second party to an ongoing telephone call;

a search initiator to run on said processor and to initiate a search for information associated with said second party on an external, remote database if the search engine does not find a record containing the telephone number; ~~and~~

a display coupled to the processor to display information obtained from said local database, and if information is not found on said local database, to display information obtained from said remote database, the information obtained from either source to be displayed while said call is in progress[[.]]; and

a housing to house said processor, database, search engine, and search initiator, said housing to enable viewing of said display.

50.   (Previously Presented) The personal-use device of claim 49 further comprising a battery to power said device and to enable transport while said device is operational.

51.   (Previously Presented) The personal-use device of claim 49 further comprising selectable buttons to enable selection of a mode of display of said second party information.

52.   (Previously Presented) The personal-use device of claim 49 further comprising a sort records bar to sort displayed information in accordance with a selectable sort option.

53. (Previously Presented) The personal-use device of claim 49 further comprising a personal computer synchronization button to synchronize information on said local database with a database on a communicatively coupled personal computer.

54. (Previously Presented) The personal-use device of claim 49 further comprising a plurality of interfaces coupled to said processor and to enable connection to a plurality of external resources.